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R₅ represents hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or a silylated lower alkyl group which may or may not have a substituent; and
n represents an integer of 1 to 15.

REMARKS

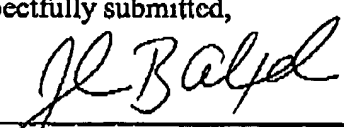
In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group III, directed to claims 1, 2 and 4-13, as that Group is defined in the Office letter. It appears that claims 1-3 and 5-13 were inadvertently canceled by preliminary amendment filed with the application on December 19, 2001. New claims 14-26 have been added. Claims 14-15 and 17-26 provide the subject matter of original claims 1, 2, and 5-13 embraced by group III of the restriction requirement. Claim 16 corresponds to the elected subject matter of original claim 4. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the non-elected claims in one or more divisional applications.

In response to the Species Election, Applicant elect the compound provided by Example 9 in the specification as filed. This election is made with the understanding that upon allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim.

Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

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